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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: (A) KHOURY-ETIAN MEETING, (B) MOVE SOUTH

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1. ASKED FONMIN BOUTROS EVENING APRIL 14 WHETHER HE WOULD AUTHORIZE GEN. KHOURY TO MEET WITH WEIZMAN OR ETIAN AT NAKOURA, UNDER SPONSORSHIP UNTSO. HE GRIMACED AND SAID KHOURY WAS ALREADY UNDER ATTACK AND THAT IF HE PARTICIPATED IN SUCH A MEETING HE WOULD BE FINISHED. I ASKED IF HE COULD NOT THEN DESIGNATE SOME SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER WHO COULD TALK TO ISRAELIS. HE ASKED WHAT THEY WOULD TALK ABOUT. I SAID, "MAJOR HADDAD AND THE ENCLAVES." BOUTROS LOOKED INTERESTED AND SAID THAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. HE WOULD LET ME KNOW. I TOLD HIM SIILASVUO WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS IT WHEN HE CAME ON MONDAY. (I WAS UNDER IMPRESSION HE COMING FOR WALDHEIM VISIT.)

2. THEN ASKED HIM WHEN HE WAS GOING TO MOVE TROOPS TO
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SOUTH. (KHOURY HAD TOLD ME DAY BEFORE HIS TROOPS WERE READY AND HE WAS MERELY WAITING FOR POLITICAL DECISION.) BOUTROS SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTING KHOURY TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT IN DETAIL WITH SIILASVUO. ACTUALLY, THERE WERE TWO STAGES UNDER DISCUSSION. FIRST WAS MOVEMENT OF THREE COMPANIES. SIILASVUO HAD SUGGESTED THAT SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 15TH, WHICH WAS ALREADY UPON US. THESE TROOPS WERE READY

TO GO, BUT FINAL DETAILS HAD TO BE WORKED OUT. SECOND STAGE, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE LARGER NUMBERS WAS TO BEGIN ONCE FIRST STAGE COMPLETED AND THEY SAW HOW THINGS WENT.

3. WE DISCUSSED UNIFIL TROOPS CONTINGENTS. BOUTROS WAS ALREADY INFORMED BY LEBANESE AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN OF IRANIAN COMMITMENT TO SEND 1,000 MEN, PROVIDED ISRAELIS ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD WITHDRAW BY APRIL 30. HE SAID HOVEYDA HAD TOLD THEIR AMBASSADOR THAT CERTAIN COUNTRIES HAD URGED IRAN NOT RPT NOT TO SEND TROOPS. DID I KNOW WHICH COUNTRIES? SAID I DID NOT. DOES TEHRAN HAVE ANY LEAKABLE DETAILS?

4. NOTE: SUGGEST THAT ON SIILASVUO COMES HE MAKE A POINT OF TALKING TO BOUTROS AS WELL AS KHOURY. IT IS PREFERABLE IF HE SEES THE TWO TOGETHER, AND USEFUL IF HE HAS A NOTE TAKER.

5. STATE'S 097070 RECEIVED MORNING AFTER ABOVE DEMARCHE MADE. WILL KEEP AT IT. HOWEVER, SIILASVUO IS GOING TO HAVE TO SHOW MORE INITIATIVE THAN HE HAS TO DATE IF THIS IS TO GET OFF THE GROUND. JERUSALEM SHOULD URGE HIM TO COME UP HERE AND NOT TO WAIT FOR A CALL FROM GOL. THIS IS SORT OF SUBJECT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE POLITICAL ADVISORS TO TALK TO ABOUT.
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